

CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00pm at St. John's

Sunday: 8:30am at St. John's

10:30am at St. Mary's



LITURGY SCHEDULE April 14 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Monday, April 15

0:30 a.m...No Mass (*St. John's*)

Tuesday, April 16

5:30 p.m...June Holcombe (*St. John's*)

Wednesday, April 17

12:00noon...Fay Lenz (*St. John's*)

Holy Thursday, April 18

7:00 p.m...Ed Holtzleiter (*St. John's*)

Good Friday, April 19

3:00 p.m... (*St. John's*)

Holy Saturday, April 20, Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m...Robert Heiser (*St. John's*)

Easter Sunday, April 21

8:30 a.m...Olive & Jesse Huggins, Sr, & Jesse Huggins, Jr. (*St. John's*)

10:30 a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's (*St. Mary's*)

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR APRIL:

Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have someone to put on prayer chain, please contact Janice at 348-1521 and please leave a message if no answer.

SUNDAY CONNECTION:

The Antidote to Indifference

written by Br. Silas Henderson, S.D.S.

Although Palm Sunday's ability to confront and confound our indifference can be startling and even frightening, the real grace of this celebration is in the opportunity it provides for us to renew our commitment to life in Christ.

More than being some sort of extended passion play, the days of Holy Week challenge us to envision a life in which we take responsibility for our indifference, our self-preference, and our sins. Where we become free to grow in love and our care about what we do to others, to creation, and to our own bodies, psyches, and souls.

EARTH DAY 2019:

Celebrate God's gift of creation by participating locally in: "Befriending the Earth: Our Way into the Future," featuring a video presentation and informative discussion led by representatives of various faith traditions.

Wednesday, April 24, 7 p.m., Blackford County Arts Center, Hartford City (on the square). Free

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 16, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Chrism Mass 7pm in Lafayette at Cathedral

Wednesday 17, RCIA 6pm at St. John's

Thursday 18, Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm at St. Mary's

Friday 19, Passion of the Lord 3pm at St. John's

Stations of the Cross 5:30pm at St. Mary's

Saturday 20, Easter Vigil 8pm at St. John's

Sunday 21, Easter Sunday

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S

HOLY THURSDAY, 7p.m...Kelli Rinker & Kayli Henderson

GOOD FRIDAY, 3pm...Serena Merkel

EASTER VIGIL, Saturday, 8p.m...Serena & Kellee Merkel

EASTER SUNDAY, 8:30a.m...Matthew Aulbach & Laurel McVicker

PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK

Jesus Christ, may your death be my life and in your dying, may I learn how to live.

May your struggles be my rest, and may I find all my blessings in your trials. --Bl. Peter Faber, SJ

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Collection: \$

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$6,245.00

Building Fund: \$390.00

Food Pantry: \$136.00

Catholic Relief Services: \$150.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

In the Gospel story of the first Palm Sunday we hear that the owners of the ass had only to be told, "The Master has need of it," to give the animal gladly. Do I give as readily to the Lord's work?

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through this collection you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land.

A basket will be at the entrances on Friday for your donations.

ST. MARY ALTAR & ROSARY SPRING SILENT AUCTION

Spring Cleaning?? Save your new and gently used items for the Altar & Rosary Society.

Our St. Nicholas Silent Auction & Carry-In was such a fun time! Many asked that we do it again. So we are.

We will be accepting items now through May 12th. Toys, jewelry, purses, books, gift & home decorating and guy stuff.

Please place them downstairs at the table marked "Silent Auction". Then mark your calendar for **May 19th: Spring Silent Auction & Carry-In Dinner**. All are welcome!

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM is a single liturgical event with three distinct parts: The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday where we partake of the bread that makes us one, Good Friday service where we can learn true discipleship through the carrying of the Cross, and the Easter Vigil where we encounter the empty tomb and learn to keep vigil with full hope of meeting the risen Lord.

RELIGIOUS ED RECOGNITION BRUNCH

St. John's will hold a brunch on Sunday, May 5 following Mass (9:30) for the recognition of the Religious Education school year completion. All are invited to join in this free brunch as we thank the teachers and recognize the students for their efforts.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 15: Is 42: 1-7; Jn 12: 1-11

April 16: Is 49: 1-6; Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38

April 17: Is 50: 4-9a; Mt 26: 14-25

April 18: Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11: 23-26; Jn 13: 1-15

April 19: Is 52: 13—53: 12; Heb 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9; Jn 18: 1—19:42

April 20: Gn 22: 1-18; Ex 14: 15—15:1; Is 55: 1-11; Rom 6: 3-11; Lk 24: 1-12

April 21: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43; Col 3: 1-4; Lk 24: 1-12

Understand, Live, and Share your Faith!

THIS WEEK'S FEATURE CD:



This talk is practical. It is for everyone—beginners and masters in the spiritual life. We all know that growth in holiness is largely about growing in trust in our Lord Jesus Christ. But how does one do that realistically?

In this talk, Bismarck Diocese Vocations Director Fr. Tom Richter will describe in concrete terms what the interior act of trust looks like, and what we must choose in order to grow in trust.

These items are located on the kiosk in the parish hall.

THREE TO ENTER THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Through the RCIA program this year we will welcome three new members to our Catholic faith family at the Easter Vigil: Kevin Stout from St. Mary's and Billy and Beth Kreider from St. John's.

Let us continue to pray for them as we prepare to welcome them, bless them, anoint them, and care for them as our own at the Easter Vigil.



STATIONS AT ST. MARY'S THIS FRIDAY

Walk with Jesus through Holy Week each Friday of Lent through the STATIONS OF THE CROSS. They will be held this Friday at St. Mary's at 5:30pm.

LENT MADNESS, a fun study of Saints and history. The Faithful 4 are final: **Martha, Gobnait, Zenaida, and Pandita.**

One of these Saints will be crowned with the Golden Halo this week. Are you still in the chase? Hopefully, we have learned from and grown in our learning from these Saints who devoted their lives to Christ.

IN OUR OWN COMMUNITIES—ENCOUNTER JESUS

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives?

ENCOUNTER PRAYER INTENTION

For those we encountered on our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl, and all people around the world who struggle to provide to meet their families' daily needs. May we welcome the homeless, the lost and the wanderer, recognizing that Jesus himself lived without a permanent home. We pray to the Lord.

To see about a ride to Church call the Church office at 348-3889 or contact a Knight.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

IS 50:4-7; PS 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-34; PHIL 2:6-11; LK 22:14-23:56 or LK 23:1-49



Two very different responses to our Lord's passion are highlighted during the Gospel reading from Luke today: the response of

Simon of Cyrene and the response of Jesus' acquaintances. Of Simon we are told, "They took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus." Whether Simon entered willingly and compassionately into this service or whether he took up the Cross of Christ with a grudge, we don't know. What we do know is this: Simon did his part faithfully. He stayed near to Christ, carrying the Cross until our Lord reached Golgotha, the site of His crucifixion. We also know that Simon's family were among the first of the early Christians. Staying near to Christ, embracing the Cross (quite literally), transformed his life and the life of his family.

In contrast, near the end of this Gospel account we are told of another reaction to Jesus' passion and death, namely that "all His acquaintances stood at a distance." They knew Jesus! They had heard him preaching and teaching, witnessed His signs and miracles, maybe even benefited personally from them. Perhaps they did not participate in mocking Him or calling for His crucifixion. But they chose to stay a safe distance from Him when the going got tough. Unlike Simon, they refused to go too near to Christ.

Where will you place yourself this week? Keeping your distance from all the pain and suffering Christ endured? Or close by, staying near to Him like Simon did? It is when we go near to Christ that we can be transformed by Him. It is by embracing the crosses in our lives, stewarding them well rather than trying to run from them, that we become His true disciples.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the parish office about preparation. The sacrament is normally celebrated with the community during Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available by appointment as well as: St. Mary, the first Thursday 6:00-6:30pm St. John, the first Saturday 1:00-1:30pm and third Saturday after 5:00pm Mass.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the parish office to begin the preparation at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Generally, Fr. Dave is available after Mass for anointing, or you may contact the parish office to arrange a time.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Sessions for children and youth (grades pre3-12) are available on Sunday morning. Contact the parish office for details.

The Clustered Parishes Of

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**St. John the Evangelist,
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PARISH REGISTRATION

Visitors are always welcome. Residents are invited to join the community by calling the parish office.

RCIA

People interested in knowing about the Catholic faith and way of life meet each week. Contact the parish office for information.